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FIGHT HELD WITH VILLA

FIRST CONFLICT WITH VILLA MEN

Seventh Cavairy of the United + + + + + States Army is Engaged in Battle.

VILLA WOUNDED IN THE LEG

Five Hundred Villa Forces Lose Their Commander and Thirty Men in Fight.

EL PASO, March 31.—Mexican Consul Garcia announced Friday that he had been informed by General Gavira, Carranza commander at Juarez, that the latter had received word that the American troops had been engaged in battle with Villa forces.

According to General Gavira's information, which was supplied in a by the institution as well as the telegram from Lieutenant Colonel Reavila at Casas Grandes, the Geron no, between the Seventh cavalry and 500 Villa forces, the latter heir commander Eladeo Fernandez and thirty men. The Americans suffered several wounded.

Colonel Davila also wired General Gavira, according to Consul Garcia, that confirmation had been received that Villa has been wounded in the leg in the last fight and is in hiding north of Guerrero.

CARRANZA GARRISON IS WHIPPED BY VILLA

cisco Villa has recruited his forces before the pursuing columns of American cavalry, it is reported, and if cornered will be in a position to give stout resistance.

Advices received here Friday by Mexican officials stated that Villa and his men had soundly whipped the Carranza garrison at Guerrero under submarine contrary to international the command of General Cavazos, whose forces were said to number only fifty soldiers. Villa, according to the information obtained by Mex-Garcia, still occupied

Information in the hands of Major General Funston at San Antonio and made jublic Thursday night was that Villa lad killed 172 men-everyone in the Guerrero garrison, and that the bandit was now near the headwaters of the Santa Maria river. Since passing southward of Namaquipa, having temporarily eluded his pursuers, Villa is reported to have adopted every means to strengthen his command which earlier in his flight he had scattered in small bands because the American cavalry were hot on his

Reports that Villa was headed eastward toward his old headquarters at Sanders were current Friday. If the bandit had turned east or north the American troops may be able to encircle him and cut off a further retreat to the south while General Gutierrez, operating toward the west with the Carranza troops from Chihuahua, would be in a position to confront Villa and force him to give

MASONS TO MEET.

A special communication of Hermon lodge No. 6 of the Masonic fraternity will be held at 7 o'clock this evening ness. Members are urged to attend.

RATE DOUBLED.

CHARLESTON, March 31 .-In an effort to relieve the car shortage which has seriously hampered the West Virginia coal situation for several months the public service commission Friday entered an order permitting all railroads in the state to increase demurrage + pany are insolvent. rates from \$1 to \$2 a day. The order becomes effective April I and will continue in force

until June 15.

DIVIDENDS INCREASED BY EMPIRE NATIONAL.

Three per cent dividend

checks will be mailed to all shareholders of the Empire National Eank tomorrow. That splendid institution takes this step as the beginning of a twelve per cent dividend basis. Dividends thereafter of three per cent will be paid quarterly. + Since its organization, the Empire National has been paying at the rate of six per cent . divedends a year, payable semiannually. At the same time it has built up a surplus of \$250,-000 which amount equals its step taken increasing the diviwila at Casas Grandes, the dend rate speaks volumes for the success of the institution the success of the institution . and its splendid management.

Will Be Taken by the United States until Complete Evidence is Received.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Following Friday's cabinet meeting offi-1 L PASO, Tex., March 31.—Fran- cials said complete evidence had not been received in the cases of vessels to formidable numbers in his flight carrying Americans attacked recently but action would not be taken by the United States until such facts leading to serious consequences would be taken at all unless conclusive evidence was established that an attack had been made by a German

WAITE INDICTED

For First Degree Murder for Poisoning His Father-in-Law, John E. Peck.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) NEW YORK, March 31,-The grand jury returned an indictment charging murder in the first degree against Dr.

oning his father-in-law, John E. Peck. The indictment contains two counts, one that Walte administered arsenic to his father-in-law on March 12 "intending wilfully to kill and murder QUITE A DARING EXPLOIT him," the second that on the same day he administered to Peck "a certain deadly poison to the said grand jury Will Likely Be Taken to British

POINT SCORED

Makes an Admission on Cross Examination.

the state in the case of L. G. Race, on declared Friday that he was a spy for * trial charged with aiding and abetting the German government. Ernest + in the Masonic temple for degree work J. R. Linn, cashier of the defunct Cit- Schiller, the prisoner, werled from all + and the transaction of important busi- izens Dollar Savings Bank, in the em- the excitement he had undergone in * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * Friday. The defense scored a point in his power with pistols all of Wedwhen Miller admitted that the direc- nesday night, threw himself upon a + tors of the bank knew that the per- cot in the Lewes jail early Friday and + sonal accounts of Race had been sought sleep. charged to the Smith-Race Grocery . Company, of which Race was manager,

and had acquiesced in the matter. . Both the bank and the grocery com-

WALDO ON TRIAL. Art Waldo is on trial in the crimi-+ nal court, charged with selling li-

FRENCH RETIRING BEFORE GERMANS

At the Village of Malancourt Where a Fierce Night Attack is Made.

S, March 31—The Germans delivered a flerce night attack on three sides of the village of Malan-

the official statement adds.

of the Meuse the night was calm. | provements.

Eight Lives Were Lost is

Officially Begun. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., March 31.-State court, says the French official state- mine inspectors Friday began an inment issued Friday, and the French vestigation of the explosion in the retired from the village proper, which mine of the Conemaugh Smokeless yeas in ruins, but continue to hold its Coal Company at Seward, which . Thursday cost the lives of Superinten-Fierce infantry fighting lasted for dent George Waddell and seven other + of the peace, enjoys the distincthe entire night, before the French miners. All the bodies were recovered + tion of being the first candidate withdrew from the untenable post- except that of Thomas Hoover, which + to file formal application in the unsigned bank notes were stolen, led tions in the village of Malancourt, was believed to have been blown into + office of the circuit court for a + the officers from Grand Rapids to New a water filled pit at the foot of the + place on the June primary elec- Orleans. It resulted in the arrest of The Germans again tried to carry shaft. State and federal mine experts + tion ballot as required by law. + Jess Harrison at San Antonio, Rich-French had won back in the Avocourt the explosion as the mine was new + nomination. wood, but they were repulsed. Fast and equipped with the modern im-

ALLIED STATESMEN AND WARRIORS IN CONFERENCE AT PARIS



Left to right, top: General Joffre, Premier Briand and Premier Asquith. Bottom: Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia, Premier Salandra and Major General Sir W. R. Roberston,

The greatest council of war held since the mighty struggle in Europe began has just taken place in Paris. It was presided over by Premier Briand of France, and among those who took part in the sessions were Premier Asquith of England, Premier Salandra of Italy, General Sir W. R. Robertson, chief of staff of the British army, and Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia. It was agreed at the conference that the entente allies should work together in greater harmony than has been the case hitherto.

YOUNG GERMAN SAYS HE IS REALLY A SPY

Arthur W. Waite, accusing him of pois- Declares He Got His Instructions to Go Aboard the Ship and Blow It Up.

Possessions in the West Indies to Be Tried.

LEWES, Del., March 31 .- The young By Race When State's Witness German who captured the British steamer Matoppo and terrorized its crew of fifty-six men on Wednesday night shortly after the ship had sailed | FAIRMONT, March 31 .- Cross exam- out of New York harbor with railroad + ination of S. E. Miller, a witness for supplies for the Russian government, + \$29,000, was continued in circuit court Thursday after he had held the crew

government," he said. "You can be-E. F. Morgan, a member of the pub- to me. I got my instructions from the lic service commission of Charleston German government to go aboard the and a director of the bank, also a ship and blow it up to prevent its car- Region of the Heart" by Dr. C. A. + state witness, admitted that the direc- go from reaching Russia. I could + tors knew of these transactions also. have blown it up but the captain's plea for his wife and daughter was too much for me and I hadn't the heart sequences but I ask that they keep me ashore instead of sending me back to the ship for the captain could take

Schiller had been told that as his While the Man in Jail in Atlanta daring exploit occurred outside the hood be taken to British possessions in the West Indies for trial for piracy. Federal authorities and representatives from the British government

mental condition will be made. Those connection with several train robberwho have talked with him believe ies. Friday announced that the man Of Coal Mine Horror in Which that he is irresponsible and that his in jail here and known as Jim Bohan- in the plants of the Westinghouse ardice or brutality he will not allow. story of his career is not true.

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AN EARLY BIRD.

William E. Starcher, justice

Signal Towerman is Absolved from Blame been given tonight at the home of state convention will thus elect the Mrs. Harry Green by the progressive big four and the county committees

line steamship Veendyk, while Downs on March 14 partially ers of the ship which arrived here late Thursday from Rot-

MEDICAL SQUIETY MEETS.

For New York Central Train further notice. Wreck Which Occurred near Amherst, O.

(BY ARBOCIATED PRESS) GLAND, March 31.—That both • sections of train No. 86 were late and were racing to make up lost time was testified to by F. E. Bausch, night despatcher on duty when the wreck of the nine bags of parcel post, des- + three New York Central trains tined for Canada and Japan, it . occurred near Amherst early Wedneswas learned Froday from offic- day and an allegation that the block system was defective testified to by Albert H. Ernst, signal towerman, were the principal features developed state and federal authorities into the causes that led to the disaster.

Bausch also gave testimony to the ciety held a well attended meeting winter principally in bad weather, Thursday night at St. Mary's hospital. when the signals either failed to work Papers were read on "Etiology, Diog- or did so inefficiently. Ernst stuck to nosis and Treatment of Otiitis his story previously related in which "The Significance of Pain in the could have been to blame for the

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much for me and I hadn't the heart to do it. I am ready to take the con-GRADY WEBB IS SENT

as a Train Bandit is a Harrison Brother.

came here Friday to examine Schil- office inspectors here who for weeks ler and to decide what to do with him. have been trying to arrest members An examination into Schiller's of the so-called "Harrison gang" in Captain Richard Bergner, of the of the three brothers under arrest.

> tral Station, W. Va., October 8, 1915, holidays. in which several thousand dollars in

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South.

LACK OF TOOLS

Will Compel 3,500 Men Employed in Shell Shops to Quit Work Soon.

pany is settled by Saturday night, it Henry Grady Webb, a well-known was stated Friday, 3,500 men em-Thursday. A message to arrest Webb were directly affected by Thursday's Friday was sent throughout the walkout which was precipitated when

IS CONVALESCING.

Rentz, a nephew of the Harrisons, at at St. Mary's hosiptal a few days ago. friends will be glad to learn this, ideal police chief.

CONVENTIONFOR WHEELING MAY 4

TO DECLARE DIVIDEND.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., March 31. -Receiver John H. Strawn, of the defunct First National Bank of Uniontown, has sent. 4 to Washington, D. C., for sig-· nature of the comptroller of • currency 3,500 checks for a ten • per cent dividend to be paid the + depositors. As soon as these • checks are returned from • Washington they will be sent to

SUBMARINE

the depositors.

Situation is Gone Over by Stone and Flood with Secretary of State Lansing.

lations committee, and Chairman publicans to the number of about 300 situation fully with Secretary Lau-twenty-nine of the thirty-three mem-sing Friday at an early conference. bers present. Judge T. A. Brown, of

the state department by appointment Highland offered another set, practibut had come separately seeking in- cally the same, formation for the guidance of members of Congress.

CROP STUFFING

Of Live Poultry Will Be Official-Iv Barred in the City of New York.

NEW YORK, March 31.-An order forbidding the sale of live poultry crops of birds to increase the weight. ventions,

SOCIAL POSTPONED.

pal church has been postponed until

For the Selection of Big Four Delegates and Alternates to Chicago Convention.

CONVENTIONS + DISTRICT

Republican Gathering at Parkersburg is Large, Harmonious and Enthusiastic.

PARKERSBURG, March 31 .- The Republican state executive committee in meeting here Thursday called a state convention to be held in Wheeling May 4, at which time four delegates-at-large to the Republican national convention at Chicago will be nominated, with four alternates to the same convention; prescribed rules for the holding of district conventions for the selection of delegates for the several districts, and endorsed the Republican administration and the Republican policies enacted into law at the

last session of the legislature. Chairman Thomas J. Sherrard called the meeting to order at 2:30 WASHINGTON, March 31—Chair- in the afternoon. Behind the thirty man Stone, of the Senate foreign re- members of the state committee Re-Flood, of the House foreign affairs crowded the auditorium of the Chancommittee, went over the submarine cellor hotel. The roll call showed The situation with Germany was Parkersburg, offered resolutions outdescribed officially as not being "im- lining the method of choosing the deleminent" and it was said that the two gates-at-large and district delegates; committee chairmen had not come to National Committeeman Virgil L.

Herschel C. Ogden, of Wheeling moved that a committee be appointed to consider general resolutions, and consider those on the selection of dele gates. Judge Brown, Capt. Melvin G Sperry, of Clarksburg, and Mr. Ogden were appointed on the latter, and Paul Grosscup, of Charleston, Virgil I. Highland and Howard Harper, of Mc-Dowell county, on the former.

The resolutions as returned to the with food in the crop at the time of the state convention in Wheeling sale will be put into effect Monday in that conventions shall be held in th New York City. The order was or-dered by John J. Dillon, state com-under calls issued by the congression missioner of foods and markets, who sional committees and under the says that several million consumers rules of the county committees, the suffer in health and purse from the delegates, however, to be selected at widespread practice of stuffing the least twenty days before the con

Notices of contests are to forward ed to the secretary of the state con mittee at Charletson at least ten The hat social which was to have days before the state convention. The been given tonight at the home of state convention will thus elect the board the African Methodist Episco- will provide for the election of dele-

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BROOKS IS PRAISED BY THE EXPONENT IN EFFULGENT WAY

Here is the Exponent's own estimate of Chief Harry 1 Brooks, as published by it December 15 last, and the Telegram who deserves it all and more too, if it be posible to give more:

H. L. Brooks, the popular and efficient chief of police of Clarksburg, is not only an excellent officer, but he is probably the The Harrison County Medical So- difficulty several times during the last only chief of police in the country who holds his office by reason of election by the people. That is the way Clarksburg's chief is chosen by direct vote of the people.

Mr. Brooks was born in the neighboring city of Grafton, and Media," by Dr. C. C. Jarvis and on he asserted it was impossible that he came to Clarksburg when quite young. He attended the Clarksburg high school, and in 1901 became a member of the police force of the city under the administration of the Hon. Isaac Kelley, mayor. As a police officer, Mr. Brooks served the city faithfully and well, being devoted to duty, considerate in his treatment of those against whom he was called upon to enforce the law's decrees, a terror to confirmed evil-doers, but a friend always to the unfortunate and oppressed. These qualities early attracted attention to him, and when he gained sufficient experience as a policeman the people of the city called him to the higher station of chief. This was almost seven years ago, and they have been re-electing him with each recurring year since.

So excellent has been his administration of the office that Mr. Brooks has been spoken of as the "ideal chief of police," a characterization that, in the minds of many people is well deserved. He has elevated the standard of service in the city, making merit the basis of reward, wiping out unfairness and injustice wherever possible. A humane man himself, he will not tolerate cruelty in any PITTSBURG, March 31-Unless of his subordinates; "third degree" methods, or the extertion of the strike of the tool repair men testimony from those in custody he will not countenance; cow-

Mr. Brooks was elected president of the West Virginia Association of Police Chiefs in October of the present year. He is a memyoung man of Birmingham and At-lanta, left Birmingham just before the inspectors expected to arrest him the inspectors expected to arrest him lack of tools. Eight hundred men Great Britain and other countries. These connections throw him in close touch with the best thought of the world in the administhe management refused an increase tration of such offices as that he holds, and have been of inestima-Investigation of the robbery of the of ten per cent in wages and double ble value to him in the way of detecting criminals, ferreting out Baltimore and Ohio train near Centure work, Sundays and crime and protecting the interests of the people of his city.

Chief Brooks is a man of magnificent physique and command ing presence, and is gifted with an unusual power of command over men. It has been said of him that his mere presence was suf-Mrs. Jasper C. Ritter, of Makin, ficient to quell any riot of ordinary dimensions. He is brave physicby as ault the positions which the called here are mystified concerning + He announces himself for re- and Harrison, at Grand Rapids; Carl who underwent a surgical operation ally, and his moral courage is beyond challenge. Big of body, ir rapidly convalescing. Her many big of brain, big of heart, Mr. Brooks may well be designated the